

Harpswell Energy Committee

March 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes - Approved April 12, 2010

Chairman David I. Chipman called the meeting to order at 4:07p.m. at the Harpswell Town Office. Committee members Debora "Deb" Levensailor and John Monaghan, Jr. were also present.

February 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes - On a Chipman/Monaghan motion, the February 8, 2010 minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

Dave talked about the lights on the corner of the town office being on all night. He plans to discuss the issue with Codes Enforcement Officer Bill Wells.

Prior to this committee meeting, Harpswell Town Administrator Kristi Eiane had informed the committee via email that The Mid Coast Energy Initiative Coalition, of which Harpswell is a member, has received the \$500,000 energy grant the coalition applied for recently. Dave said Kristi told him Harpswell officials have not heard any more specifics, and that she believes the town presently has \$10,000 available for energy related projects. John suggested that the committee prioritize the list of items the town would like to accomplish, and obtain a copy of the documents submitted in the application.

The committee discussed the Harpswell HVAC Survey Report, dated February 24, 2010, which John wrote, and the February 18, 2010 report submitted by Whitney Engineering, PA. John believes the HVAC system at the town office is not working well. Various areas of the building are heated/cooled differently and several employees are uncomfortable. He said it is a by-pass variable air volume system, the fans run all the time, and it is inefficient.

The committee discussed the \$17,000+ worth of modifications which John has determined are necessary, and worked on prioritizing them in order of importance. John suggested trying to take care of those which are listed in section 1.5.2.2 of his report first.

The committee reviewed the draft street lighting policy which Dave wrote. On a Levensailor/Monaghan motion, the committee unanimously voted to forward the final draft of the street lighting policy to the Board of Selectmen.

The committee agreed to work on crafting a residential and small business wind turbine ordinance. Dave said he would gather ordinances from area towns and bring them in for review.

Prior to this meeting, Howard Nannen had emailed the committee regarding various groups in town hosting an energy fair in Harpswell. Dave said he would contact him and suggest that it be held on May 1st and 2nd.

Dave said he has not heard back from Marty yet concerning homes at Hamilton Place being LEED certified. John stated, "You can build them well and build them green."

Deb said she would continue to research the smaller sculpture style wind turbines, such as those located in California. She believes they would be a good fit for Harpswell, and more readily accepted by town residents. She reminded the committee about the need to continue discussion to determine whether or not it would be feasible to install waterwheels, and current driven underwater turbines at appropriate locations to generate electricity for town, residential and commercial use.

NEXT MEETING - April 12, 2010 at 4p.m. at the Harpswell Town Office.

On a Monaghan/Levensailor motion, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.
Dave adjourned the meeting at 5:00p.m.

Submitted by,

Debora A. Levensailor, Harpswell Energy Committee Vice-Chairwoman